

**Hot Issue – EPA/Philadelphia Green City, Clean Waters Partnership Agreement Event  
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**Issue: Status of EPA's investigation in Dimock, PA**

**Background/Status (as of April 6, 2012):**

- EPA's January 19, 2012 removal action initiated under the response authorities of CERCLA included sampling of approximately sixty-one (61) residences at the Dimock Residential Groundwater site. This number has increased to approximately sixty-eight (68) residences for potential sampling based on EPA well surveys.
- Sixty-one (61) homes have been sampled to date.
- Alternate water continues to be provided to the four (4) residences initially identified as needing water (a fifth residence identified as needing water was provided water by Cabot at first, but has since declined water from anyone, including EPA).
- Several residences remain to be scheduled (either are out of town or have not yet responded); to date there have not been any homes that have declined having their well water sampled. Scheduling continues in accordance with availability of residents.
- Additional actions, including any future sampling and/or provision of alternate water will depend on a review of the final sampling data.
- To date, EPA has finalized sampling data at 31 private drinking water wells in the Dimock area and has not found contaminant levels that would give cause for EPA to take immediate action. The most recent set of data (20 homes sampled during the week of January 30) was provided to residents on April 4 and 5.
- EPA and ATSDR are meeting with the residents to discuss individual sample results.

**Message:**

- EPA is working diligently to be transparent and thorough in our ongoing sampling of drinking water from more than 60 private home wells in Dimock. EPA made a commitment to provide the residents with data that was based on the best science and to give a clear picture about the quality of drinking water at these homes as soon as possible.
- EPA has completed analytical results for a second group of 20 homes, in addition to those for the first 11 homes that were sampled. Neither round of sampling showed levels that would give us reason to take immediate action. The Agency is not drawing any conclusions with regard to other homes in the area based on the first two sets of sampling results.
- Working with ATSDR, EPA will continue to review the incoming data to determine whether contamination exists at levels that threaten residents' health. Should we identify any level of contamination that threatens residents with a significant health risk, we will immediately inform the resident and the relevant state and local authorities of this risk.

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